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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

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SUBJ: BADGES FOR SY

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1. AMBASSADOR'S REFTEL ELICITED THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM
JIDDA'S RSO GUTENSOHN. AMBASSADOR PORTER BELIEVED IT
DESERVED DISTRIBUTION AND WOULD HELP TO KEEP DEBATE
AT PREVIOUS LEVEL OF HIGH SERIOUSNESS.

2. REFTEL HAS RECEIVED MY MOST CAREFUL STUDY AND
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CONSIDERATION. POINTS ARE WELL TAKEN. I WAS ESPECIALLY

INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMENTS PARAGRAPH 4, ALTHOUGH I'D PREFER SOMETHING OF A MORE KAISERIAN PICKLEHAUBE TYPE TO COMPLIMENT MY FLOWING MUSTACHIOS AND PRUSSIAN TEMPERAMENT. PERHAPS A FULL UNIFORM OF MR NIXON'S WHITEHOUSE DETAIL/STUDENT PRINCE DESIGN? GOD, THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL* WISH THE PRESS AND DAMNED DEMOCRATS HAD MINDED THEIR OWN BUSINESS*

3. PARAGRAPH 4 REALLY STRIKES A NOTE. FOR YEARS I'VE RECOMMENDED SOMETHING SIMILAR--WITH COMPLETE CLASS B, A, AND FULL DRESS--FOR JUNIOR FSO'S. CONSIDERING THE HAIR STYLES, WORLD-WEARY SLOUCHES AND 40-MILE STARES WHICH HAVE COME OUT OF OUR TRADE SCHOOL ON THE POTOMAC OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, I THINK A UNIFORM WOULD BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE SERVICE. IT WOULD DEFINITELY SAVE WEAR AND TEAR ON OUR JUNIOR COLLEAGUES. MARINE SECURITY GUARDS COULD IDENTIFY THEM IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD BE LESS PRONE TO SLAPPING THEM UP AGAINST THE NEAREST WALL IN A SOUTH CHICAGO SPREAD EAGLE.

4. THE UNIFORM WOULD ALSO PRECLUDE WEARING OF SNEAKERS (OR COWBOY BOOTS), AS SOME OF OUR LESS SEASONED COLLEAGUES ARE PRONE TO DO, IN INAPPROPRIATE SITUATIONS. SUPPOSE MR EAGLEBURGER WOULD BE INTERESTED? MAY BE A FEW "SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK" DOLLARS IN IT.

5. SERIOUSLY, I'VE TRAVELED THE WORLD OVER AS A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARY'S DETAIL AND WITH NUMEROUS LESSER LIMINARIES. THE BADGE IS UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION. IF SHOWING TIN DOESN'T GET IMMEDIATE RESULTS, IT ASSURES THE HOLDER THAT HE'LL BE PUT IN CONTACT WITH A POLICE OFFICIAL AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. CREDENTIALS ALONE USUALLY RESULT IN A "GET THIS GRINGO OUT OF MY FACE" REACTION.
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